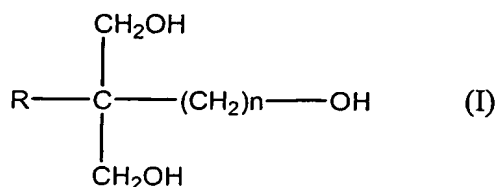


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A herbicidal composition comprising a herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt, and an alkoxyated glyceride.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The herbicidal composition according to Claim 1, wherein glycerin or its derivative which ~~constitutes~~ comprises the base of the glyceride moiety in the alkoxyated glyceride, is a compound represented by the formula (I):



wherein R is a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, and n is an integer of from 0 to 6.

Claim 3 (Original): The herbicidal composition according to Claim 1, wherein the alkoxyated glyceride is at least one alkoxyated glyceride selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene hydrogenated castor oil, polyoxyethylene glyceryl monostearate, polyoxyethylene castor oil, polyoxyethylene glyceryl triisostearate, polyoxyethylene glyceryl monoisostearate, polyoxyethylene glyceryl tristearate, polyoxyethylene glyceryl distearate, polyoxyethylene glyceryl trioleate, polyoxyethylene hydrogenated castor oil monoisostearate, polyoxyethylene hydrogenated castor oil triisostearate, polyoxyethylene hydrogenated castor oil monolaurate, polyoxyethylene 1,1,1-trimethylolpropane tristearate, polyoxyethylene 1,1,1-trimethylolpropane trimyristate, polyoxyethylene 1,1,1-trimethylolpropane distearate, polyoxyethylene 1,1,1-trimethylolpropane triisostearate, polyoxyethylene hydrogenated castor oil pyroglutamic acid isostearate, and polyoxyethylene glyceryl pyroglutamic acid isostearate.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The herbicidal composition according to Claim 1 ~~Claim 3~~, wherein the alkoxyated glyceride is at least one alkoxyated glyceride selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene hydrogenated castor oil, polyoxyethylene glyceryl triisostearate, polyoxyethylene glyceryl monoisostearate, polyoxyethylene 1,1,1-trimethylolpropane triisostearate, polyoxyethylene hydrogenated castor oil pyroglutamic acid isostearate, and polyoxyethylene glyceryl pyroglutamic acid isostearate.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The herbicidal composition according to Claim 1, wherein the herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt is at least one herbicidal sufonylurea compound selected from the group consisting of amidosulfuron, azimsulfuron, bensulfuron-methyl, chlorimuron-ethyl, chlorsulfuron, cinosulfuron, cyclosulfamuron, ethametsulfuron-methyl, ethoxysulfuron, flazasulfuron, flucetosulfuron, flupyrsulfuron, foramsulfuron, halosulfuron-methyl, imazosulfuron, iodosulfuron, mesosulfuron-methyl, metsulfuron-methyl, nicosulfuron, oxasulfuron, primisulfuron-methyl, prosulfuron, pyrazosulfuron-ethyl, rimsulfuron, sulfometuron-methyl, sulfosulfuron, thifensulfuron-methyl, triasulfuron, tribenuron-methyl, trifloxysulfuron, triflusulfuron-methyl, and tritosulfuron, or ~~its salt~~ salts thereof.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The herbicidal composition according to Claim 1 ~~Claim 5~~, wherein the herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt is at least one herbicidal sufonylurea compound selected from the group consisting of flazasulfuron, foramsulfuron, nicosulfuron, rimsulfuron, trifloxysulfuron, and tritosulfuron, or ~~its salt~~ salts thereof.

Claim 7 (Original): The herbicidal composition according to Claim 1, which comprises the herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt, and the alkoxylated glyceride in a weight ratio of from 16:1 to 1:6000.

Claim 8 (Original): The herbicidal composition according to Claim 1, which comprises from 0.1 to 95 parts by weight of the herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt, from 0.1 to 94.9 parts by weight of the alkoxylated glyceride, and the rest being additives for formulation.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The herbicidal composition according to Claim 1, which further ~~contains~~ comprises one or more other herbicidal compounds.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The herbicidal composition according to Claim 1, which further ~~contains~~ comprises a coadjuvant.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The herbicidal composition according to Claim 1, which further ~~contains~~ comprises one or more other herbicidal compounds and a coadjuvant.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The herbicidal composition according to Claim 10 or 11, wherein the coadjuvant is a chelating agent, ~~and/or a nitrogen-containing fertilizer~~ comprising nitrogen, or a combination thereof.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A method for controlling ~~undesired plants~~ at least one undesired plant or inhibiting ~~their~~ the growth of the at least one undesired plant, ~~comprising which comprises~~ applying a herbicidally effective amount of the herbicidal composition as defined in Claim 1 to the at least one undesired plant ~~undesired plants~~ or to a place where ~~they grow~~ the at least one undesired plant grows.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A method for controlling ~~undesired plants~~ at least one undesired plant or inhibiting ~~their~~ the growth of the at least on undesired plant, ~~which comprises~~ comprising applying (1) a herbicidally effective amount of a herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt, and (2) an effective amount of an alkoxylated glyceride, to the at least one undesired plants plant or to a place where the at least one undesired plant grows ~~they grow~~.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A method for controlling at least one undesired plant ~~undesired plants~~ or inhibiting ~~their~~ the growth of the at least one undesired plant, ~~comprising which comprises~~ applying (1) a herbicidally effective amount of a herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt, (2) an effective amount of an alkoxylated glyceride, and (3) a herbicidally effective amount of one or more other herbicidal compounds, to the ~~undesired plants~~ at least one undesired plant or to a place where the at least one undesired plant grows ~~they grow~~.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A method for controlling at least one undesired plants plant or inhibiting ~~their~~ the growth of the at least one undesired plant, comprising ~~which comprises~~ applying (1) a herbicidally effective amount of a herbicidal sulfonylurea

compound or its salt, (2) an effective amount of an alkoxylated glyceride, and (3) an effective amount of a coadjuvant, to the at least one undesired ~~plants~~ plant or to a place where the at least one undesired plant grows ~~they grow~~.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A method for controlling at least one undesired ~~plants~~ plant or inhibiting ~~their~~ the growth of the at least one undesired plant, ~~which comprises~~ comprising applying (1) a herbicidally effective amount of a herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt, (2) an effective amount of an alkoxylated glyceride, (3) a herbicidally effective amount of one or more other herbicidal compounds, and (4) an effective amount of a coadjuvant, to the at least one undesired ~~plants~~ plant or to a place where the at least one undesired plant grows ~~they grow~~.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A method for enhancing the herbicidal effect of a herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt comprising adding at least one ~~by means of an~~ alkoxylated glyceride to the herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A method for enhancing the herbicidal effect of a herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt ~~by means of~~ comprising adding at least one ~~[[an]]~~ alkoxylated glyceride and ~~[[a]]~~ at least one coadjuvant to the herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A method for controlling at least one undesired ~~plants~~ plant or inhibiting ~~their~~ the growth of the at least one undesired plant, comprising ~~which comprises~~ applying a herbicidally effective amount of the herbicidal composition as

defined in Claim 7 to the at least one undesired ~~plants~~ plant or to a place where the at least one undesired plant grows ~~they grow~~.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A method for controlling at least one undesired ~~plants~~ plant or inhibiting ~~their~~ the growth of the at least one undesired plant, comprising ~~which comprises~~ applying a herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt, and an alkoxyated glyceride in a weight ratio of from 16:1 to 1:6000, to the at least one undesired ~~plants~~ plant or to a place where the at least one undesired plant grows ~~they grow~~.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A method for controlling at least one undesired ~~plants~~ plant or inhibiting ~~their~~ the growth of the at least one undesired plant, comprising ~~which comprises~~ applying a herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt, and alkoxyated glyceride, as diluted with from 10 to 3,000 liters/hectare of water, and an alkoxyated glyceride in an amount of from 0.005 to 4 wt% based on the diluted liquid, to the at least one undesired ~~plants~~ plant or to a place where the at least one undesired plant grows ~~they grow~~.